found extremely useful. If assisted by the local application of ice to the part, it frequently causes the contents of the sac to return spontaneously, and renders the operation unnecessary, which would be otherwise unavoidable. It operates by its powerfully sedative and relaxing effects, as well as by its cathartic property.

When the infusion is not used, an injection of Tobacco smoke into the rectum frequently produces the same consequences. The smoke may be made to penetrate farther than any liquid, and it is equally efficacious, from the activity of the volatile parts. It was formerly much used in the restoration of persons apparently dead from drowning, but of late years it has gone more into disuse. From the sedative effect of Tobacco, the tendency to syncope and the great prostration of strength which it occasions in ordinary cases; it is probable that its employment in cases of asphyxia from drowning, must assist in extinguishing rather than in rekindling the spark of life.

As a diuretic, Tobacco has been administered internally in doses so small as not to offend the stomach, with very good effect. Dr. Fowler has published a collection of facts relative to its use, principally in dropsy and dysury, from which he

concludes it is a safe and efficacious diuretic. In thirty one dropsical cases in which he employed it, eighteen were cured and ten relieved; and out of eighteen cases of dysury, ten were cured and seven relieved. Dr. Ferriar and several subsequent practitioners have found it a valuable diuretic, although Cullen does not speak very encouragingly of its use. At the present day it does not seem to be extensively in use, having passed into neglect rather because more fashionable remedies have superceded it, than because it has really been weighed and found wanting. It will always deserve trial in obstinate dropsical cases (and such cases it must be confessed are not rare) in which the more common remedies have been tried without benefit. Of the various formulas recommended by Dr. Fowler, the Wine of Tobacco is the only one preserved in the Edinburgh and Massachusetts pharmacopœias, being the one which is believed to extract most fully the virtues of the Tobacco. It is made by digesting for a week, an ounce of the dried Tobacco in a pound of Spanish white wine. The dose is from thirty to eighty drops. Dr. Fowler himself however believed the most effectual mode of administering the Tobacco, was in the form of pills of a grain each.

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